

HIGHLAND HAVEN NEWS

May 2014

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Outgoing Mayor

Pete Freehill

New Mayor

Irene Dauphin
830-268-4396

City Secretary

Dana Turner
830-268-4396

Board of Aldermen

Outgoing Alderman

Richard Kemp
830-598-4815

Lonnie Ball
830-598-1870

Lonnie Brown
830-693-3796

Betty Ward
979-777-2088

Charles Webb
598-5714

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Next BOA Work  
Session  
Monday, June 2  
9:00 am

Next BOA Meeting  
To Be Announced  
After Runoff  
Election

## City Website

<http://www.highlandhaven.tx.com/>



## CITY UPDATE

*Pete Freehill, Mayor*

### City Election Results & Second Election

The city election was held on May 10. **Irene Dauphin** was elected mayor, **Betty Ward** was elected to a two-year term as Alderman and **Charles Webb** was elected to a one-year term as Alderman. The other Alderman position resulted in a TIE VOTE!! **Olan Kelley** and **Bill Passmore** each received 103 votes. A second election will be held for this Alderman position with early voting from Monday, June 2 through Friday, June 6 and Election Day on Thursday, June 12 both at the Highland Haven Community Center.

57% of Highland Haven registered voters voted the election!! The next highest Burnet County turnout was in Meadowlakes with 25% followed by Granite Shoals with 15%.

### New Mayor & Aldermen

**Irene Dauphin** was sworn-in as Highland Haven's sixth Mayor on May 20, 2014. **Charles Webb** also took the oath of office as Alderman. **Betty Ward** was also elected to a second term as Alderwoman but is out of town and will take her oath of office later. Congratulations and welcome Irene, Charles and Betty to the new Board of Aldermen. Many thanks to outgoing Alderman **Richard Kemp** for his service to the city. Richard has volunteered to continue to help with buoy maintenance.



### New Sign

Our new sign has been fabricated and installed by **Joe Fernandez**. What a beautiful addition to the entry of our city. Joe, you have done a fabulous job! Thanks to Joe for all the hard work and thanks to **Hervy & DJ McPeck** for their time that was volunteered to the city to make the contribution from Exxon-Mobil a gift to all of us! (See photo)



### Jet Ski Wakes

Please observe the **No Wake** buoys surrounding the city. These buoys have been ignored recently particularly in the Chaparral / Bluebird Cove.

*City, continued*

### **Residence Lawn Mowing**

Lawns (and weeds too) are growing again with the warmer weather. Residents are requested to make arrangements to have lawns mowed once per week to maintain our beautiful city. Once every ten days or two weeks is not often enough.

### **Drought Restrictions**

Highland Haven, LCRA and Central Texas Groundwater Control District drought restrictions continue. Please limit irrigation system operation to **once per week and only between 8 PM and 8 AM**. A great deal of water is wasted during daylight watering. Hand watering may be performed at any time. Our reservoirs, Lake Buchanan & Lake Travis, are down to only 35% capacity with no relief in sight. This is a decrease of 3% in just 6 weeks. Irrigation from Lake LBJ is restricted to Saturday 8 PM to 8 AM for odd number addresses and to Sunday only for even number addresses also from 8 PM to 8 AM.

### **Leaf & Grass Disposal Ordinance Revision**

Ordinance 058 has been revised to prohibit the blowing or otherwise causing leaves and grass to be disposed of in the lake, canals, city streets or drainage infrastructure. Leaves and grass clippings should be mulched or otherwise gathered and disposed of but not blown into the street, lake or drains.

### **Water Bill Payments**

Many water bill payments have been late when using electronic bill-pay checks. Often as many as five or six electronic checks arrive in the same envelope from one of the large electronic distributors with dates as many as five days apart. If a check is written for delivery on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of the month that is no guarantee that it will be received at City Hall on those days. It has been shown to be just as likely to be delivered late resulting in a \$5 late charge. Please allow ample lead-time to make sure your check arrives at City Hall by the 15<sup>th</sup> and avoid a late notice and a late charge.

### **City Hall Lawn Mowing**

Thanks to **Phil Martz** for mowing the City Hall lawn.

### **Thanks For The Memories**

Last month I said thank-you to the many Alderman and others that I have worked with and sure enough I forgot one person, my dear friend and neighbor **Charlie Hosang**. **Thank you Charlie!**



**HHPOA UPDATE**  
*Patsy Craven*

The HHPOA Parks are looking good thanks to the volunteers and the maintenance crew. There was several overnight parking violations observed at the parks during weekends. A reminder to residents and their guests, please ask your guests not to use the parks as an overnight parking lot. Besides the noise, it is damaging the grass.

At Swan Park, vehicles are using the park as a thruway to get from Raven St. to Swan St., again damaging the grass. Please help to keep our parks clean and safe. The board will be looking into possibly installing barricades at Swan Park to keep through traffic out. Construction companies and their equipment appear to be the main issue with damaging the park as they drive through.

Dove Park will again be seeing a lot of visitors this summer. Please ask your guests to clean up after themselves. The litter in the park has been a recent issue. The park will have a lot of activity and the POA hopes that all visitors and community members enjoy the facilities. It is important to take home everything that we take to the parks, including trash even if someone else left it behind. We all need to be part of the solution. Also, children throwing the landscaping rocks into the lake are again damaging the rock garden. We have a massive loss of these rocks already this year and unless someone is willing to dive into the lake and retrieve them all, it will call for more money being spent to repair the damage. The swim dock roof was also recently covered with rocks being thrown and volunteers had to climb ladders to clean off the roof. We need to locate the ones involved in this activity and address the issue. Please forward any information to a HHPOA director and we will handle the rest.

Also please ask your landscapers to refrain from using the lake and channels to dispose of yard waste/trimmings. The solution could be as simple as you notifying your landscaper not to litter the waterways during your next contact with them.

Renters of boat trailer spaces in the trailer lot please check your trailers periodically and keep them operational with inflated tires so they can be moved if needed.

If a property owner vacates their storage unit, RV shed space or boat/trailer space and notifies Patsy Craven, a refund will be issued and the next person on the list will be notified that a space is available.

The deer are back in the neighborhood and are running into traffic. There have been several groups seen running the neighborhood. You may want to protect your flowers and gardens since the deer are very hungry. Drive carefully and expect the unexpected when approaching deer.

The next HHPOA Directors meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. All members are welcome to attend.



### ***Upcoming Events:***

**There will be no Potluck Supper for May**, as it was superseded by the May 17 Annual BBQ. If you missed the barbeque, shame-shame – it was delicious and the door prizes were wonderful. Thanks to our most creative Ladies' Club President Helen Wiedeman for the darling decorations and to Shirley Webb and her merry band of volunteers for organizational excellence.

***Please take a moment around your holiday plans to remember our fallen heroes this Memorial Day.*** The holiday, which is celebrated every year on the final Monday of May, was formerly known as **Decoration Day** and originated after the [American Civil War](#) to remember the [Union](#) and [Confederate](#) soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died while in the military service.

If you are looking for a meaningful way to celebrate Memorial Day in our area, you might want to check out Carry the Load 2104 at Reveille Peak Ranch in Burnet, where participants walk as much as 20.4 miles with varying loads to commemorate fallen military members who have “carried the load” of freedom that we all enjoy. More info can be found at: <http://carrytheload.org/>

**COMING SOON:**

***Annual Fourth of July Parade and Ice Cream Social – July 4.*** To volunteer or donate ice cream, please contact Helen Wiedeman. She is seeking ice cream, servers, cleanup staff and judges.

Be sure to plan ahead for this fun event! Decorate your bicycles, golf carts, husbands and kiddos, and meet at our Community Center at 8:30 am. Registration and lineup will take about 30 minutes and at 9:00 am the parade will make its way to Dove Park for judging of the entrants and awards, returning to the Community Center where ice cream will be served.

**Notes & Reminders:**

May finally brought some rain relief, but much more is needed. Enjoy these last days of spring, before our wicked Texas summer begins!

Judy Schwab wants you to know that there are quite a few rentals and reservations of the Community Center over the next two months, for elections and other events. So, if you want to rent the center for your event, you should contact her for available dates.

Our neighbor John Schwalbe tells me that Animal Control in Burnet states there have been several reports of rabid foxes in the Burnet area. Burnet County is a “hotspot” for rabies infection in the wildlife population, so please be cautious of animals behaving abnormally, for instance nocturnal animals out & about during the day, animals showing no natural fear of humans, etc.

Don't Forget!! The Ladies' Club is on summer hiatus until September 9 at 1:00 pm when meetings will resume. Come to this important meeting to greet and support our new officers!

**LET'S TALK ABOUT FLOODS**

***Donna Green, Highland Haven Flood Plain Administrator***

Good News! Highland Haven is part of the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition (TCRFC). They are working with Jeff Ward & Assoc., Halff Assoc. and FEMA to provide more mapping for our members as money is available. Highland Haven has applied for a 75/25 grant in which Jeff Ward & Assoc. will help us cover the 25% with in-kind services to convert our Zone “A” to Zone “AE”. Our local surveyors have already completed a tremendous amount of work which will help and possibly defray our expenses. A change from "Zone A" to "Zone AE" will lower costs to folks who have flood insurance policies in current "Zone A" areas.

Every five years the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is required by FEMA for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, has to be reviewed and resigned. This Plan is going to be due January 2016. The plan is very intense, complicated and expensive for individual counties or cities to do alone. TCRFC has helped fulfill the plan and updates for the last several years. As paid members of the Coalition, it saves us time and money and it will again be available for our community.

I will be attending the annual TCRFC meeting on July 25 at the LCRA Riverside Center in Bastrop and ask anyone interested in going with me to please call. Until next time...

Please make a notation of the following phone number change, in your  
telephone directory ...

Contact Judy Schwab for information regarding the rental of the  
Community Center @ [830 596-3884](tel:8305963884)

## **A Note From Mayor Irene Dauphin**

Dear Highland Haven Residents,

Thank you for your support in the election. I promise to do my best each and every day to serve this community that we all love. My door is always open and I look forward to getting to know you. God Bless you.

### **My daily hours will be as follows:**

M 8 – 9:40 and 11:15 – 12:15

T 8 – 8:40 and 10:15 – 12:15

W 8 – 8:40 and 10:15 – 12:15

Th 8 – 8:40 and 10:15 – 12:15

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Our Bobolink neighbors  
***JoCarol & Heath Thornblom*** were recently voted  
BEST COUPLE in the Marble Falls area.  
CONGRATULATIONS!!!



## **CELEBRATE PETE FREEHILL'S RETIREMENT!**

**Highland Haven Community Center**

**Saturday – June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**2 to 5 PM**

**Pete has served as Alderman and Mayor for the past 12 years.**

**If you would like to say 'THANK YOU', please come to the party.  
There will be snacks, cookies, cake and friends.**

## ADVENTURES OF A GREAT HORNED OWL

*Sue Kersey*

**Charles Petterson** of Highland Haven was out for a walk one morning and found a baby bird on the ground. He could not locate the nest and moved it into the shade and called me to see whom he should call for help with the bird rescue. I am a bird watcher and have given out contact information for Arlene Pearce of Heart of Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation many times but this time it turned out to be a real adventure. Arlene had Charles place the bird into a box and take it to her. She then called Last Chance Forever in San Antonio for their advice since it turned out to be a baby Great Horned Owl. Last Chance Forever requested that the baby bird be delivered to them in San Antonio since they currently have a surrogate female great horned owl that was already raising another baby great horned owl. The folks that run Last Chance Forever were happy to have the two little owls to raise together as they have a much better chance of a full recovery being raised by a mother owl and will be released together if possible. This is a wonderful story and I am so thankful Charles called for help. If you find bird and need help please know that we have a wonderful lady that lives in Burnet county and she will help you if she possibly can. Her name is Arlene Pearce and her phone number is [512-756-4350](tel:512-756-4350). Just like in this story if she is unable to help the bird or other small animal she knows who to call. I personally want to thank Charles for his love of our nature and for taking the time to save a wonderful little owl!



### THANK YOU MESSAGES

We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to all our friends and neighbors who helped us in our search for our Schnauzer "Harley." He is greatly missed.

God Bless  
Joann and Allan Morgenroth  
201 Bluebird Circle

Bill & Sylvia Passmore send a heartfelt thank you to everyone in the community for the kind expressions of sympathy for the loss of their brothers.

#### FROM MARGE COOPER ...

Thanks to everyone in Highland Haven for the friendship and love given to Don and myself during our stay since 1995. We regret that we must change our life style due to health and I guess old age is a big factor - but as of Saturday, we will be moving to Cedar Park in a retirement village called the "Ranch" off of 1431. I have shed many tears trying to keep our life the same but there comes a time when you have to make changes and pray to God that you made the right decision. Thanks again!!!

## GET WELL WISHES

*Marge Cooper*

Please remember the following friends and neighbors with prayers & cards ... [Curtis Fry](#), [Betty Philipps](#), [Kim Stephenson](#), [Yuvonne Schwarz](#), [Don Jordan](#) and [Michael Wiedeman](#).

### CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: 16 foot flatbed trailer \$800. Please contact Ron Dauphin at 254-498-6669

WANTED: Would like to buy good, used white washing machine. Call 512-962-6738



## CAMP CHAMPIONS SERVICE DAY



**WHEN:** Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:30-5:00 pm

**WHO:** **Camp Champions** Summer 2014 Counselors

**WHAT:** Any and all projects accepted! We can help you with anything including lawn work, cleaning gutters, washing cars, indoor or outdoor projects - nothing is too big or small! We will literally come wash and vacuum your car for you if that is what you would like.

**WHY:** Our counselors would love to help you out with whatever you need!

**WHERE:** We would love to come to your house in Highland Haven.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:** All we need to know is how many people you think the project will take and whether you need us to bring any tools. We need as many projects as possible, so please reply to Laura at (830) 598-2571 or by email at: [lpolis@campchampions.com](mailto:lpolis@campchampions.com).

[The June BOA meeting will be scheduled  
after the City Alderman runoff election.  
The date & time will be posted on the City marquee.](#)

# Highland Haven Community Calendar

## June 2014

| Sunday                                                                                                                     | Monday                              | Tuesday                                          | Wednesday                                                                                                               | Thursday                                   | Friday | Saturday |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| 1<br>Camp<br>Champions<br>Service Day                                                                                      | 2<br>BOA work<br>session<br>9:00 am | 3                                                | 4                                                                                                                       | 5                                          | 6      | 7        |
| <div> <div>←</div> <div>Early Voting – Alderman Runoff Election<br/>June 2 – 6, Community Center</div> <div>→</div> </div> |                                     |                                                  |                                                                                                                         |                                            |        |          |
| 8                                                                                                                          | 9                                   | 10<br>HHPOA<br>Directors Mtg<br>7:00             | 11<br>P & Z<br>6:00 pm                                                                                                  | 12<br>Election Day<br>(Alderman<br>Runoff) | 13     | 14       |
| 15                                                                                                                         | 16                                  | 17<br>See note below<br>regarding<br>BOA meeting | 18<br>Deadline for<br>newsletter<br>articles/photos                                                                     | 19                                         | 20     | 21       |
| 22                                                                                                                         | 23                                  | 24                                               | 25                                                                                                                      | 26                                         | 27     | 28       |
| 29                                                                                                                         | 30                                  | 31<br>Pot Luck<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Com Ctr           | Submit newsletter articles & photos to:<br><a href="mailto:highlandhavennews@gmail.com">highlandhavennews@gmail.com</a> |                                            |        |          |

**NOTE: The date & time for the June BOA meeting will be scheduled after the run-off alderman election. Information will be posted on the City Office marquee when available.**